GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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UNSC Membership
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether India and other G4 nations have offered to initially forgo veto power as permanent members of UNSC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether inter-Governmental negotiations on UN Security Council reforms are in progress;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether G4 Group have rejected suggestions to create a category of longer term for elected members of UNSC as a play to block adding new permanent members;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether a clause in the agreement that offer to give up veto power initially will be discussed during a review of the UNSC meeting; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M.J. AKBAR)

(a) to (h) Government is of the view that India has all the credentials to be a permanent member of a reformed and expanded Security Council that reflects contemporary global realities.

A series of initiatives, through both the bilateral and multilateral platforms continue to be taken in pursuance of our permanent membership in a reformed and expanded Security Council. India has been working alongside other reform oriented countries and groupings including the G-4 (India, Japan, Brazil and Germany) towards this end.

The UN General Assembly, under its agenda on 'Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Security Council' has been debating and discussing the issue of UNSC reforms in the Inter-governmental Negotiations (IGN) process. In a submission to the IGN, the G-4 has proposed an expansion in both the permanent and non-permanent membership of a reformed and expanded UN Security Council. The G4 has been underlining the principle of non-discrimination between current and new permanent members in an expanded Security Council. The G-4, has also proposed that new permanent members would as a principle have all the responsibilities, obligations as well as prerogatives of the current permanent members.